

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In such a case as to distribute his/her own printing data to a plurality of users, in order to provide an environment in which the utilization form of an image recording apparatus can operationally managed easily and desired distribution processing can be performed with high speed without increasing a load on a network under an environment in which the distribution of his/her own printing data to a plurality of users is possible without bothering the user and, at the same time, his/her own printing data can be distributed to a person requiring it by a necessary amount, and the image recording apparatus is shared by a plurality of users, a host computer obtains information concerning a sheet discharge bin of discrimination names and the like registered in an image recording apparatus by requesting it to the image recording apparatus, displays a mail box sheet discharge designation screen based on the obtained information concerning a sheet discharge bin, has each user to designate a plurality of sheet discharge addresses for each page of printing data and the number of sheet discharge copies via the mail box sheet discharge designation screen, prepares a printing job by including instructions based on operations from users including each designation in one printing job and transmits the printing job to the image recording

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apparatus, and the image recording apparatus prepares
page information for a plurality of discrimination
names designated by a page unit of printing data
included in one printing job received from the host
5 computer and, at the same time, retrieves a sheet
discharge port in which a same discrimination name as
the plurality of discrimination names to designate each
retrieved sheet discharge port, and the discharge of
the designated number of sheet discharge copies to each
10 prepared page information.

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